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SUBJ: ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

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1. I RAISED QUESTION OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE WITH BOGAARS, PERMSEC OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND TAN BOON SENG, DEPUTY SECRETARY, AT LUNCH TODAY. THEY SAID THAT WHILE THEY AND OTHER ASIAN MEMBERS WERE OPPOSED TO SEATING OF GRUNK AND PRG, THEY SAW LITTLE THAT COULD BE DONE ABOUT IT. THEY THINK THAT DECISION AT GEORGETOWN IS CONTROLLING AND THAT GRUNK, PROBABLY SIHANOUK HIMSELF, WILL ATTEND AND THAT GKR WILL BE LEFT OUT IN COLD. THEY SAID THEY HAD RAISED MATTER IN GENERAL TERMS SOME TIME AGO WITH YUGOSLAVS, SINCE THEY WERE ONE OF ACTIVITS AT GEORGETOWN, BUT GOT IMPRESSION THEY UNWILLING PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN VIEW STRONG VIEWS OF AFRICANS AND PARTICULARLY ARABS. ALSO, MATTER DISCUSSED WITH LOCAL INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER BUT FEELING IS HE LACKS "CLOUT" IN DELHI. AT ALGIERS, FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM WILL URGE CONFERENCE TO GET AWAY FROM USELESS DEBATE OF POLITICAL ISSUES AND DEVOTE ITS ATTENTION TO PRACTICAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS SUCH AS DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT -- BUT APPARENTLY
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HE WILL LET IT GO AT THAT AND NOT ENGAGE IN ANY EXTENSIVE

LOBBYING ON ISSUE OF ACCREDITATION. I OUTLINED
OUR VIEWS ALONG LINES PARAS 3 AND 5 OF REFTEL.

2. COMMENT: CLEARLY THE GOS PLACES LITTLE STOCK IN NAC
AND WISHES IT WOULD GET AWAY FROM DISCUSSION OF CONTENTIOUS
AND UNPRODUCTIVE POLITICAL QUESTIONS. DESPITE ITS
DISENCHANTMENT WITH ORGANIZATION, SINGAPORE CONTINUES
ATTEND MEETINGS SO AS NOT TO ISOLATE ITSELF FROM NON-
ALIGNED WORLD. THEY HOPE THAT IT MIGHT IN TIME
TURN ITS ATTENTION TO SOME OF THE MORE PRESSING ECONOMIC
ISSUES OF THE THIRD WORLD AND BEGIN TO PLAY A USEFUL
ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS. BUT THEY HAVE NO HOPE FOR ALGIERS
MEETING WHICH, IN BOGAARS WORDS, WILL BE A "COMPLETE WASTE
OF TIME."
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